

ABSTRACT

A method and system for protecting software from unauthorized use on a computer system using an external security device is disclosed. The method and system include encrypting the software to be protected using an encryption key.

5 The use of the software on the computer system is then authorized by generating the encryption key within the security device using information supplied from the software. Once the encryption key generated by the security device is received on the computer system, the encryption key used to decrypt the encrypted software for execution on the computer system.

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